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In re application of : Confirmation No. 4021  
Takaaki MAEKAWA et al. : Docket No. 2001-1159A  
Serial No. 09/913,736 : Group Art Unit 1724  
Filed October 31, 2001 : Examiner Peter A. Hruskoci

METHOD OF REMOVING  
PHOSPHORIC ACID  
CONTAINING WASTEWATER

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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 1, 2003, constituting a requirement for restriction between (I) claims 1-10 and 13-19, and (II) claims 11 and 12, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-10 and 13-19 with traverse.

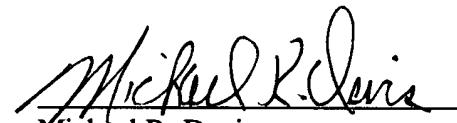
Applicants emphasize that this election is made while reserving their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 11 and 12.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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